

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: JUN 20 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "People First Respectful Language
Modernization Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-665 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 and the proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed approval resolution. No additional resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation requires respectful language in District government publications as they characterize or describe persons with disabilities. A deadline is set for all government publications to make edits by September 30, 2007, or to make edits during next publications or reprints if they occur before then.

The proposed legislation requires that by no more than six months after the effective date of the proposed legislation the D.C. State Council on Developmental Disabilities is to transmit to the Mayor and the Council a report on the use of the term "mental retardation" and the bill makes requirements for the content of the report.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 budget and the proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution. No additional staff or resource will be required. The District government will be required to absorb the costs associated with the proposed legislation among all of the government's publication services.